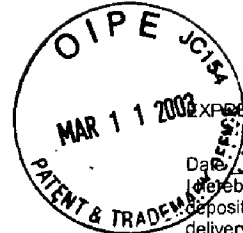


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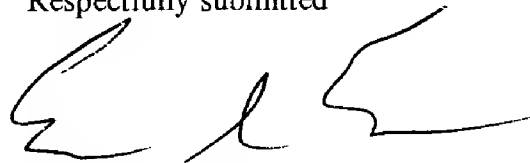
Sir:

This is in response to the Notice dated February 11, 2003. The Notice indicates that the Response filed January 6, 2003 is non-responsive since it does not recite the claims which read on the elected species. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-33, 38, and 42-45 read on the elected species (the metal wire alignment of Fig. 1; the grip as the location on the shaft; and Figs. 3 and 8 as the metal layer structure).

It is believed that the present response is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that claims 1-33, 38 and 42-45 be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted

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